

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONIC DISCUSSION

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner Daley for discussing this matter with Applicant's attorney, Robert G. Hartman, during a telephone call on August 7, 2008.

During the discussion, Applicant's attorney traversed the Office's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting allowance and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant's attorney also proposed amending the independent claims as shown above. For instance, Applicant's attorney proposed amending claim 1, in part, to include subject matter from dependent claim 12, which was deemed allowable by the Office in the outstanding Action. Applicant's attorney also proposed amending independent claim 16, in part, to include subject matter from dependent claim 23, which was also deemed allowable by the Office in the Action. Finally, Applicant's attorney discussed amending independent claim 28, in part, to include the subject matter from claim 35, which was also deemed allowable by the Office in the Action. Applicant's attorney understood the Examiner to at least tentatively agree that such amendments would place the subject application in condition for allowance.

Applicant sincerely thanks the Examiner for this indication, as well as for his courtesy shown by discussing this matter with Applicant's attorney. Applicant herein amends the independent claims as discussed during the interview.